ALPS CETL

What is this?

ALPS is a centre for excellence in teaching and learning (CETL) focusing on assessment and learning in practice settings. 5 Universities (Leeds, Leeds Metropolitan, Bradford, Huddersfield and York St John) crossing 16 health and social care professions.

The programme’s vision?

• To achieve excellence in assessment and learning based on interprofessional Common Competency Maps, which may be delivered by mobile technology.

• To ensure that students graduating from courses in health and social care are fully equipped to perform confidently and competently at the start of their professional careers.
ALPS 3 common competency maps

• Communication
• Teamworking
• Ethical practice

All available to see on:

http://www.alps-cetl.ac.uk/maps.html

• They can be evidenced by using the ALPS assessment tools.
• Common because they have been agreed by all 16 professions working within ALPS
• They can be linked via our e-portfolio to the Tomorrow’s doctors curriculum requirements

ALPS Assessment Tools

Assessment Types:
- Gaining Consent
- Demonstrating Respect for Service Users and Carers
- Knowing when to consult or refer
- Working interprofessionally
- Providing information to colleagues

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• Assessment for learning
• Used with our 3rd years medical students using PCs in practice
ALPS Assessment Tools

• Can be linked with existing programme requirements and evidences the ALPS competencies

• Enables multi-sourced feedback, including service user and other professions

• Encourages students to reflect and learn.

• Can be linked to PDP requirements and inform personal tutor sessions

• Can identify development needs for individual students through the action planning section
The e-portfolio and technology enhanced learning

- Can use a PC or via a mobile device.
- ALPS used Personal Digital Assistants for the students. (now obsolete)
- Presently 3rd year medical students at Leeds are using a PC and 4th & 5th years are using an i-phone.
- All assessments directly downloaded into the e-portfolio.
- Also have access to learning material and the internet

Example of information on i-phone

Communication Skills

Relationships & Networks
Build relationships and trust with service users, carers and colleagues. Build networks with colleagues, institutions and outside agencies.

Gathering & Processing
Gather, interpret, synthesize, analyse and record information accurately from a variety of sources.

Influencing & Negotiating
Influence the behaviour of others, policies, services and procedures.

Providing Information
Provide information to service users,
Reliability

• Provisional results:

- Gaining consent Cronbach’s alpha = .55
- Demonstrating respect Cronbach’s alpha = .66

NB This relates to the global assessments only
The Competency in Practice Assessment Tool (CiPA)

• Developed as an interprofessional tool
• To measure confidence and competence on graduation and beyond
• Calibrated and validated using Rasch analysis
• Based on the competency maps to measure skills and knowledge
• In future – to be used by students to identify their development needs during their study; and related to the competency maps and ALPS assessment tools

ALPS summary

• ALPS was a 5 year CETL programme and finished on 30th September 2010. All the outputs from ALPS (common competency maps and interprofessional assessment tools), can be found on the website (below)

• There is currently a 12 month ALPS extension programme which is working on embedding the outputs (nationally and regionally) and developing a Patient Safety Competency Map.

• This final year is SHA funded, and is a collaborative between the 5 ALPS HEIs and practice

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